

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments to the claims, in the submission dated 10/14/10, are acknowledged and accepted.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Valerie Hayes on 11/3/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 27-38 are cancelled.

Claim 21, add a period at the end of the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 13-15, 18-23 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 22 is allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that even though the prior art discloses a polarizer system comprising a plurality of quartz substrate parts and a polarizer holder having a lattice like structure, the prior art fails to teach, or reasonably suggest that an end portion of a first quartz substrate part is supported on a bottom surface of a first segment of the polarizer holder and an opposite end portion of the first

quartz substrate part is supported on a top surface of a second segment of the polarizer holder, and an end portion of a second quartz substrate part is supported on the top surface of the second segment of the polarizer holder and an opposite end portion of the second quartz substrate part is supported on a bottom surface of a third segment of the holder, in combination with the other limitations of claim 22. Claims 13-15, 18-21 and 23 are dependent on claim 22 and are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons as claim 22.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JADE R. CHWASZ whose telephone number is (571)272-8199. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 6:00 am - 3:30 pm est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephone B. Allen can be reached on 571-272-2434. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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